

## Constantinople: The Fabric of the City

### Dumbarton Oaks Symposium 1998

The annual Byzantine Studies symposium held at Dumbarton Oaks, May 1–3, 1998, under the direction of Professors Robert Ousterhout and Henry Maguire of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, covered all aspects of the physical topography and fabric of Constantinople, from its foundation by Constantine in 324 to its fall in 1453. The features discussed included the fortifications and water system, the palaces and the hippodrome, the public spaces and streets, the public statuary and monuments, the commercial spaces and baths, the neighborhoods and houses, the churches and monasteries, and the gardens and parks. Attention was also paid to the early Ottoman city, as it throws light upon the topography of Byzantine Constantinople.

#### Program

##### Public Streets and Spaces

Chair: Ihor Ševčenko

Cyril Mango, Oxford University

Triumphal Monuments

Albrecht Berger, Freie Universität Berlin

Streets and Public Spaces in Early Constantinople

Helen Saradi, University of Guelph

Perceptions and Literary Interpretations of Sculpture in Constantinople

##### Public Buildings

Chair: Angeliki Laiou

Gilbert Dagron, Collège de France

A Roman Circus for Constantinople

Fikret Yegül, University of California, Santa Barbara

Baths of Constantinople: An Urban Symbol in a Changing World

##### Fortifications

Chair: Alice-Mary Talbot

James Crow, University of Newcastle

The Thracian Hinterland of Constantinople: Water Resources and Defense

Metin and Zeynep Ahunbay, Istanbul Technical University  
Recent Work on the Land Walls of Istanbul

Palaces and Gardens  
Chair: Ioli Kalavrezou

Werner Jobst, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften  
Architecture and Mosaic Art of the "Great Palace" of Constantinople

Alessandra Ricci, Bilkent University  
Residences and Residential Life in Constantinople and Its Suburbs before 1200

Urs Peschlow, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz  
Late Byzantine Palaces

Henry Maguire, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Gardens and Parks

Churches and Monasteries  
Chair: Henry Maguire

John Thomas, San Francisco  
Constantinopolitan Monasticism in the Byzantine Monastic Foundation Documents: Aspects of Urbanism

Jean-Pierre Sodini, Université de Paris I  
The Early Churches of Constantinople (312–843): From Basilica to Cross-in-Square Plans through the Domed Basilica

Robert Ousterhout, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
The Byzantine Churches of Constantinople in Context (843–1453)

Neighborhoods  
Chair: Robert Ousterhout

Paul Magdalino, St. Andrews University  
The Maritime Neighborhoods of the City: Commercial and Residential Functions

Marlia Mango, Oxford University  
The Commercial Map of Constantinople

Halil Inalcik, Bilkent University  
Transition from Byzantine Constantinople to Turkish Istanbul